



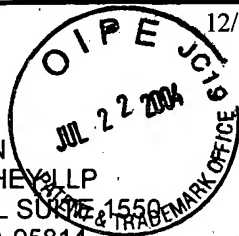
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:2001	385.00 OP
02 FC:2201	43.00 OP
03 FC:2202	369.00 OP
04 FC:2051	65.00 OP

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$412** as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$862** for a Small Entity

- **\$385** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$412**

- \$43 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- \$369 for 41 total claims over 20.

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Applicant: WILLIAM A. GARDNER, et al.
Serial No.: 10/735,282
Filed: DECEMBER 12, 2003
For: SYSTEMS, DEVICES AND METHODS FOR OPENING A BOTTLE SEALED WITH A STOPPER AND FOR SEALING A BOTTLE
Group: 3727
Examiner:
Docket No.: GAR1756.17A5

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SUBMISSION OF MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53
(SMALL ENTITY)

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) mailed March 23, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed, please find the following documents which are incorporated by reference herein:

1. Check in the amount of \$862 (\$385 filing fees, \$412 additional claims fees and \$65 surcharge for the fees due as a small entity).

The amount due for the filing fees and surcharge has been computed as follows:

CLAIMS AS FILED									
Number filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee			
						\$ 385			
Total									
Claims 37 CFR 1.16(c)	61 - 20	=	0	X	\$ 9	=			369
Independent									
Claims (37 CFR 1.16(b))	4 - 3	=	0	X	\$43	=			43
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+	\$145	=			
Filing Fee Calculation									\$ 797
Surcharge									\$ 65
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$ 862

Small Entity Statement

 X Applicant qualifies as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27

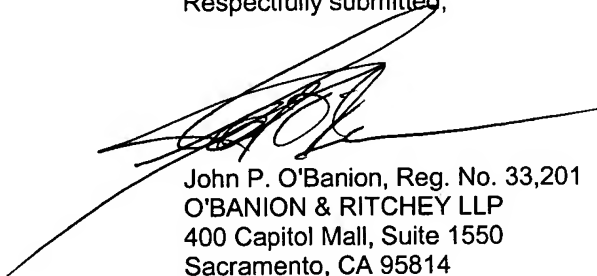
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TOTAL FILING FEES DUE	\$ <u>862</u>
<u> </u> Assignment recording fee	\$ _____
<u> </u> Petition fee	\$ <u>0</u>
TOTAL FEES DUE	\$ <u>862</u>

Please charge any additional fees due to deposit account no. 07-1137.

Having now complied with all of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.53, the Applicants respectfully request that this application be placed upon the files for examination.

Dated: 7/22/04.

Respectfully submitted,


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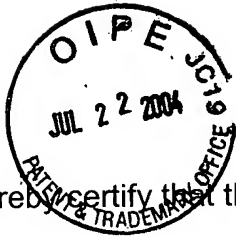
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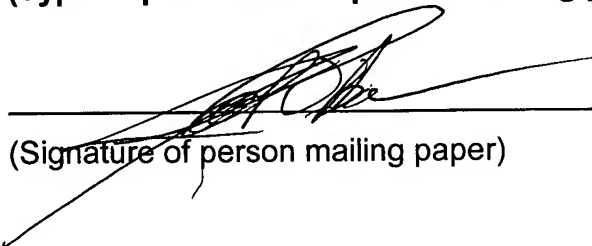
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